

(a) whether the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking has introduced National Bill system for the consumers;

(b) if so, whether under this system, the consumers have to make payment of heavy advance bills;

(c) whether DESU does not go by meter reading in certain areas;

(d) whether the Government propose to issue instructions not to send advance bills to the consumers; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). Under the present system of DESU, electricity bills to the domestic and non-domestic (low Tension) consumers are sent on bi-monthly basis. A bill on actual meter reading basis is prepared every four months and a bill on provisional basis is sent in between for two months based on past consumption. In respect of other categories, the bills are issued on monthly basis. The system of four monthly meter reading has been adopted by DESU due to the shortage of Meter Readers

(d) and (e) In view of the above, issue of any instructions to DESU in this regard is not considered necessary.

[Translation]

Violation of Air and Water Pollution Regulation Acts by Hotels in Delhi

5103. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any action against the five star hotels which have violated the air and water pollution Regulation Act;

(b) if not, the names of such five star hotels in Delhi; and

(c) the action taken against such violations ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). All five star hotels are required to meet the standards prescribed under the Water (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Air (prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981 through the process of consent management.

The hotels had been asked to meet the standards within a time frame. Some of them have met the required stipulation, while others have initiated steps to meet the standards.

[English]

STD Facility in Kerala

5104. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:
SHRI V.S VJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to provide STD facility to various places in Kerala during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the places selected for the purpose; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?